## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-7 and 9-25 are pending in the subject application. Each of claims 1, 2, 4, 6-7, 9, 11-17, 20-22, and 24 have been amended herein. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A system for managing patient care, the system comprising:

a caregiver portable information device having an identifier recognition mechanism and having an interactive user interface configured to display a patient task list and receive selection of a task from the patient task list;

a patient machine-readable identifier; and

a central information system including patient records comprising treatment history and orders entered by a physician for treatment of an identified patient; ~~and~~

~~a~~ wherein the patient task list is displayed on the interactive user interface on the caregiver portable information device such that a caregiver may select the task from the task list,

wherein the task list is determined from the orders for the identified patient, and

wherein the task list ~~becomes~~ is automatically displayed on the caregiver portable information device ~~available~~ upon recognition of the patient machine-readable identifier by the caregiver portable information device.

2. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, further comprising a caregiver machine-readable identifier attached to a caregiver badge.

3. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the portable information device includes wireless communication tools for verifying patient data with the central information system.

4. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the central information system further ~~including~~ includes caregiver data, and wherein the portable information device includes wireless communication tools for verifying the caregiver data with the central information system.

5. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the patient task list comprises instructions for administration of at least one medication.

6. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method for managing patient care comprising:

recognizing a patient machine-readable identifier;

recognizing a medication machine-readable identifier;

accessing a task list for the patient recognized by the patient machine-readable identifier from a central information system, the task list being determined from orders entered by a physician for treatment of the identified patient,

wherein the task list is accessed via an interactive user interface configured to display the patient task list and receive a task selection from a caregiver;

determining if the medication identified by the medication machine-readable identifier matches with a medication from the task list; and

displaying a warning on a caregiver portable information device if the medication identified by the medication machine-readable identifier does not match with a medication from the task list.

7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 6, further comprising ~~providing a~~ displaying the task list on the caregiver portable device, wherein the task list includes ~~including~~ at least one medication administration task for administering a medication.

8. (Canceled).

9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~8~~ 7, further comprising recording administration of the medication.

10. (Original) The method of claim 6, further comprising recognizing a caregiver identifier.

11. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 6, further comprising implementing ~~a~~ the caregiver portable information device with an embedded scanner for scanning the patient machine-readable identifier.

12. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 11, further comprising transmitting the patient identifier from the caregiver portable information device to a central information system.

13. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 12, further comprising verifying an ~~patient~~ identity of the patient through information available in the central information system.

14. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 13, further comprising receiving current patient related tasks from the central information system at the caregiver portable information device.

15. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 13, further comprising using the caregiver portable information device to obtain a caregiver identifier~~;~~, transmitting the caregiver identifier from the caregiver portable information device to the central information system~~;~~ and receiving verification of the caregiver identity from the central information system at the caregiver portable information device.

16. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 15, wherein obtaining the caregiver identifier comprises scanning a caregiver machine-readable identifier using an embedded reader in the caregiver portable information device.

17. (Currently Amended) A task-based system for managing patient care, the system comprising:

a central information system having a database including patient records comprising a patient task list determined from orders for an identified patient,

wherein the patient task list may be updated in real-time based on one or more changes to the orders for the identified patient by a physician;

a patient identifier for identifying a patient; ~~and~~

a caregiver portable information device having tools for reading the patient identifier and accessing the central information system to obtain an updated patient task list for the identified patient; and

an interactive user interface displayed on the caregiver portable information device and configured such that a caregiver may select a task from the patient task list and record the selected task on the caregiver portable information device,

wherein the interactive user interface displays the patient task list automatically upon recognition of the patient identifier by the caregiver portable information device.

18. (Original) The system of claim 17, further comprising a caregiver machine-readable identifier attached to a caregiver badge.

19. (Original) The system of claim 17, wherein the portable information device includes wireless communication tools for verifying patient data with the central information system.

20. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method for recording tasks performed by a caregiver, the method comprising:

receiving a caregiver identifier and a patient identifier from a caregiver portable information device;

generating a task list for the identified caregiver and the identified patient from patient records, the patient records comprising treatment history and orders entered by a physician for treatment of an identified patient;

automatically displaying the task list on an interactive user interface on the caregiver portable information device, the interactive user interface configured to display the patient task list and receive a task selection from the identified caregiver;

receiving results of the one or more tasks from the task list performed for the identified patient; and

~~individual~~ recording performance of one or more tasks from the task list.

21. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 20, wherein ~~further comprising receiving from a~~ the caregiver portable information device ~~with~~ includes a scanner, and wherein receiving the caregiver identifier and the patient identifier includes receiving the caregiver identifier and the patient identifier utilizing the scanner.

22. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 20, further comprising receiving the caregiver identifier and the patient identifier from the caregiver portable information device at the central information system.

23. (Original) The method of claim 22, further comprising verifying patient identity through information available in the central information system.

24. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 20, further comprising dynamically generating the task list at the central information system and sending the task list to the caregiver portable information device.

25. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 20, further comprising receiving a medication identifier from an identification device including a bar code identifying a particular medication.